



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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Mr. David A. Keene
Chairman
American Conservative Union
1007 Cameron Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: MUR 5158

Dear Mr. Keene:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on November 21, 2000, concerning the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the Brady Voter Education Fund, Carnahan for Senate Committee, Robb for Senate Committee, Bill Nelson for U.S. Senate Committee, Stabenow for U.S. Senate, Gore/Lieberman, Inc., James Brady and Sarah Brady.

The Commission found that there was reason to believe that certain respondents violated provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and conducted an investigation in this matter. Specifically, the Commission found that the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b, 441d, and 434(c); that the Brady Voter Education Fund and Mark Ingram, as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441d and 434(b); that Robb for U.S. Senate and Thomas J. Lehner, as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b and 434(c); and that Bill Nelson for U.S. Senate and Peggy Gagnon, as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b and 434(c). The Commission found no reason to believe that Gore/Lieberman Inc. and Jose Villarreal, as treasurer; Carnahan for Senate Committee and Lisa L. Lindsey, as treasurer; and Stabenow for U.S. Senate and Angela M. Autera, as treasurer violated any provisions of the Act or its corresponding regulations in connection with this matter.

On January 11, 2005 the Commission determined to take no further action with respect to Robb for Senate and Thomas J. Lehner, as treasurer, and Bill Nelson for U.S. Senate and Peggy Gagnon, as treasurer, and take no action against James Brady. Furthermore, on February 25, 2005, the Commission accepted a conciliation agreement signed by the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the Brady Voter Education Fund and Mark Ingram, as treasurer, and voted to take no action against Sarah Brady. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter on February 25, 2005.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the agreements with the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the Brady Voter Education Fund and Mark Ingram, as treasurer is enclosed for your information. In addition, copies of the dispositive General Counsel's Reports regarding all respondents named in this matter are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Guith

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Attorney

Enclosures
Conciliation Agreement
General Counsel's Reports

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